

Local Man Now Secretary of Production Credit Assn. for Watauga. Loans Made Above \$50 with Machinery and Crops as Security.

Mr. S. C. Eggers, Federal Farm Loan Agent for Watauga County, has been named as local secretary to the Federal Production Credit Association which maintains its regional headquarters at North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Eggers states that in this new form of Federal loan, the Credit Association takes the first mortgage on livestock, machinery and crops and loans amounts from \$50 up. The borrower takes five dollars stock in the association for every \$100 sought or fraction thereof, the stock to be redeemable when all loans are paid. Interest rates are 5 1/2 per cent, as against 4 1/2 and 5 on farm loans.

One difference mentioned between this system and the Emergency Seed Loans being made is that in the latter case loans are made in amounts less than fifty dollars and collateral is confined to a lien on the crop being produced.

Mr. Eggers states that he now has application forms under the Credit Association plan, and will be glad to give out any information desired by farmers of this section.

Boone High School's Honor Roll Announced

(By GUY H. HILL)

One of the minor objectives this year in the high school has been to get parents and pupils less interested in marks and grades and more interested in right living, intelligent reacting to current situations, and proper conduct in every phase of life. Thus far we have been unable to reach this objective because too many of our educators are laying too much stress upon marks. Mothers and fathers, let's not make the mistake of thinking that good marks mean good citizenship; we have seen too many wrecked and broken lives result from this belief. Marks are an indication of good citizenship, but they should never be an end in themselves.

Those who have been cited for being all-round citizens in and out of the high school for the seventh month of the year are as follows: Eighth grade: Fred Gragg, Paul Haggaman, Sam Lyerly, Mary Kendall Greene, Ruth Anderson, Miriam Birmingham, Lucy Brown, Louise Cooke, Edith Walker and Edith Wilson. Ninth grade: Lalia Clay, Chloë Greer, Mabel Greer, Grover Hutchinson, Wade Shoemaker, Mada Steele, Agnes Welch, Izetta Hutchinson, Ruby Robbins. Tenth grade: Fairy Hollars, Daisy Austin, Milton Mast, Geneva Osborne, Ada Grace Redmond, Martha Swift. Eleventh grade: Jean Bush, June Bush, Max Shoemaker, Floye Cottrell, Anna Della Coffey, Gladys Haggaman, Wilfred Hampton, Odesa Lookabill, Annie Norris, Margaret Ray, Mary Louise Rhynes, June Russell and Rena Farthing.

Let it be said that these young people are on this list because they met every requirement as set up by the school for adequate citizenship in our little "republic." Others, not mentioned here, could be mentioned for excellence along certain lines, but not for all-roundness. Possibly every child in school could be mentioned for some good traits, but space will allow for only those mentioned above.

Pres. Roosevelt Sends Easter Greetings to U.S.

Miami, Fla. — President Roosevelt Saturday night sent Easter greetings to the nation from the yacht Nourmahal at anchor in the tropic waters of the Bahamas.

A message to temporary White House offices in the Miami Biltmore Hotel from the presidential yacht, read as follows:

"Had a fine day! Good fishing and expect to remain here over tomorrow. Happy Easter to you all from all of us."

The Nourmahal is off of Great Abaco Island near Rocky Point.

Earlier, a navy seaplane went to the presidential yacht carrying mail and other material for Mr. Roosevelt. On the return trip James Roosevelt, eldest son of the chief executive, returned to the mainland as a passenger. He was landed at Palm Beach.

Most of Saturday was devoted to angling for bonefish in the shallows near the island. Bonefishing is one of Mr. Roosevelt's favorite sports because of the fighting nature of the prey. It was expected that next week the Nourmahal would be pointed toward the extremity of the Bahamas in order to permit the Presidential yacht to go after the larger of the funny specimens, including sharks and barracudas.

Reports from the yacht said that Mr. Roosevelt was enjoying his visit immensely and that he was acquiring a deep tan from long exposure to the blazing tropical sun.

During the day, some of the Astor guests went from the Nourmahal to the U. S. S. Ellis where they were entertained at luncheon by the destroyer's officers, headed by Captain Robert White. The Ellis is the yacht's escort, acting also as communication ship.

Miss Emma Isaacs returned Tuesday evening from Wilmington where she had spent several days visiting with Mrs. C. L. Holland, who is remembered here as the former Miss Hazel McGuire.

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EDWARD W. POU, DEAN OF HOUSE, DIES IN CAPITAL

Veteran Carolina Congressman Was Chairman of Rules Committee. First Elected in 1900. Close Friend of Woodrow Wilson. Funeral Services Held in House Chamber and Burial at Smithfield.

Washington, D. C.—The dean of the House—Representative Edward W. Pou of Smithfield, North Carolina—died early Sunday of a heart attack following a seige of influenza. He was 70 years old.

Pou was chairman of the powerful House rules committee, which formulates the legislative program of the party in power. He also held this post during the administration of Woodrow Wilson, who was his close friend.

Funeral services were held at a joint session of the House and Senate at 2 o'clock Monday in the House chamber. Burial took place Wednesday at Smithfield, the boyhood home of the veteran legislator, beside the grave of Ensign Edward Smith Pou, naval aviator son who was killed in action during the World War.

The quiet spoken but courageous North Carolinian came to Congress in 1900 and had served continually since from the Fourth District. He was a leader in the Democratic party for many years and handled many of President Wilson's war time legislative proposals.

Twice Pou sacrificed his prerogative of seniority for the speakership because of his health. He stepped aside for the election of John N. Garner, now vice-president, as speaker in 1931, and again for Rainey in 1933.

Aided Roosevelt
Pou suffered an attack of influenza about two months ago but insisted.
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John P. Wilkinson Dies At Home in Roanoke

Mr. John Patrick Wilkinson, native of Vilas, N. C., but for the past twelve years a resident of Roanoke, Va., died at his home there on March 26, according to news reaching relatives in this community. Funeral services were conducted at Waverly Baptist Church on the 28th by Rev. O. L. ...

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Nettie Wilkinson, and the following children: Mrs. S. L. Walker, Mrs. Ruth Burton, J. P. Wilkinson Jr. and Robert Wilkinson, of Roanoke; Mrs. Clorinda Greer, of Vilas, N. C.; Charles W. Wilkinson, of Zionville, N. C.; Mrs. Phil Moretz, Medical Lake, Washington, and Conley W. Wilkinson, Carlin Bay, Idaho. Two stepdaughters, Mrs. W. L. Lynch of Roanoke and Miss Ann Robinson of Winston-Salem, also survive.

Mr. Wilkinson had many close friends and near relatives in Watauga who will hear of his demise with genuine sorrow. He was 71 years of age.

Among the North Carolinians attending the funeral services were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkinson, of Zionsville, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Greer, of Vilas, and Miss Anne Robinson of Winston-Salem.

BOONE LAWYER HAS NARROW ESCAPE IN SWOLLEN CREEK

Attorney R. W. Pulliam, U. S. census enumerator, had a narrow escape one day last week when his car was washed away as he attempted to cross Elk Creek in the eastern section of Watauga.

Mr. Pulliam had started to drive through the flooded creek when the force of the stream struck the car. He managed to get out of the car just before it was carried downstream in the current. The car was recovered the following day without serious damage.

GRAYSON CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL IN TENN.

Mountain City, Tenn.—J. Luke Grayson, 46-year-old Johnson County attorney, announced late Saturday night that he is a candidate for the Republican nomination for attorney-general of the first judicial circuit subject to the will of the voters in the primary to be held soon.

Mr. Grayson is a son of the late Frank Grayson, was reared at Trade, Tenn., and for a number of years was a partner of the late Senator Ed Butler in the practice of law at Mountain City.

LAND BANK BONDS NOW REDEEMABLE, SAYS EGGERS

Mr. S. C. Eggers, local Federal Land Bank representative, has received information that any person who has received Land Bank bonds on their loans, may now bring them to his office in the Watauga County Bank building and have them paid off in full.

MAMMOTH EGG IS DISPLAYED HERE

Fowls generally may not know about Easter but a goose owned by Mrs. W. X. Farthing of Sugar Grove evidently knew something of big eggs, little eggs, and the varicolored hues they assume at this season of the year, for late last week, as kiddies giggled over gaudy baskets of ordinary henfruit, she wrought her outstanding achievement in the production of an ovum extraordinary, twice as large as she or any other goose ordinarily produces, and tipping the scales at an even eleven ounces.

Mrs. Farthing forwarded the egg to The Democrat, which in turn became dissatisfied with the miniature goose eggs bought for the kiddies, and decided a hen egg was in the nature of a gesture too mild for mention, as it laid the tape on the giant of egdom, and discovered it to be 8 3/4 inches around and 11 inches in circumference from end to end. Some egg!

G. O. P. FOLLOWERS OFF TO CONVENTION

Large Group of Watauga Republicans in Charlotte as Delegates to State Convention. Close of Chairmanship Fight is in Prospect.

Seventeen leaders of the Republican party in Watauga County left on Tuesday for Charlotte where they will constitute the local delegation to the State Republican Convention, which convenes there today (Wednesday).

Principal interest centers about the race for the State chairmanship, the incumbent, James S. Duncan of Greensboro, having found himself in a triangular fight for the title of leadership. The local Republicans, as they left town, predicted a close fight in the State pop-wow, and some expected the three chairmanship contenders to enter with about equal strength.

The full delegation named at the county convention did not journey to Charlotte. Following are the names of those in attendance: Alvin Cannon, D. H. Wilcox, A. W. Smith, C. R. Greene, S. C. Eggers, R. D. Hodges, John W. Hodges, C. S. Prevette, R. D. Hodges, John W. Hodges, C. S. Prevette, G. C. Robbins, W. H. Gragg, C. W. Robbins, Frank Main, George C. Greene, A. E. Hamby, Earl Cook, C. M. Watson and T. E. Bingham.

18 LEAVE COUNTY FOR CCC SERVICE

Watauga's Present Allotment Filled and All Sent to Recruiting Station. Arc Accepted. Successful Applicants Are Listed.

Eighteen Watauga youths left on Sunday for the Asheville recruiting station for examination preparatory to entrance to the Civilian Conservation Corps. Miss Theodosia Watson, Relief Administrator, who selected the group, states that word has been received to the effect that all were taken. However, she does not know at which camp the young men will go into service.

The names of the successful applicants are: Stanford Browa, Edward Wellborn, Jones L. Story, Victor Gragg, Earl Miller, J. F. Hodges, Grady McGuire, Arnold Mast, Shelton Penn Jr., Henry Henson, Henry Campbell, Arlie Proffitt, Dillard Davis, Lester Fletcher, Paul Cox, Roy Rominger, Ray Baird and Paul Isaacs.

Certified Potatoes Are Now Available

Mr. L. M. Farthing, farm supervisor under the Emergency Relief program, and agent for the Tennessee Valley Authority in the matter of seed potato production, announces that 300 bushels of certified seed potatoes, of the Irish Cobbler variety, are now available to farmers in this section. All those interested will call at the relief offices in the courthouse.

GREERS ARE HONORED ON THEIR SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Greer were honor guests at a dinner party arranged by members of the family and close friends, and given at the Greer home Saturday evening in honor of the silver anniversary of the popular Boone residents.

Those present from out of town points included, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Greer and two sons, of Thomasville; Mr. and Mrs. Mutttox, of Bristol; Miss Sophia Eller of Abingdon, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. John Wethered, Mrs. Clyde Ramsey, of Butler, Lloyd Eller, of Zionville.

Mrs. Annie Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gragg, Mrs. Frank Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hodges, of Boone, were also present.

PORK RAISERS TO MEET IN BOONE ON NEXT TUESDAY

Messrs. Hendren and Brumfield Will Address Assemblage of Farmers on Pork Reduction Program of AAA. Does Not Affect Producers of Own Meat. Contracts to Be Filled by April 15th.

Mr. A. G. Hendren, farm agent for Wilkes, and Mr. L. F. Brumfield, who holds a like position in Yadkin County, were in the county last Tuesday in the interest of the hog adjustment program as devised by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. While here it was decided that a meeting of the hog raisers is to be held at the court house in Boone next Tuesday at the 11 o'clock hour when Messrs. Hendren and Brumfield will give all necessary information as to the government's plan of placing pork raisers in a more favorable economic light.

The visitors took occasion to explain to The Democrat that it is not the purpose of the Federal authorities to decrease the total production of pork in any county, but to take care of those who have been selling pigs and porkers on the market at a loss during the past year or so, and will not in any way affect those who raise hogs for family consumption. Under the agreement growers shall agree to reduce hog sales 25 per cent below the two-year average for 1932-33, for which he will receive \$15 for each hog reduced below the average for two years, or \$5 for the 75 per cent he may sell during 1934. It is suggested that those marketing less than 10 hogs during the base period need not consider the proposition.

Contracts must be signed not later than April 15, and Mr. Hendren will be in charge of Watauga County. Any information desired may be secured from him through his North Wilkesboro office.

All hog raisers of the county are asked to gather Tuesday to hear the discussion of the program.

Adam Hodges Passes After Long Illness

Mr. Adam E. Hodges, native Watauga who for more than fifteen years was a resident of Fresno, Ohio, died at his home there on Friday morning, following an illness of almost a year. Funeral services were conducted at Fresno Sunday afternoon, interment following in a local cemetery. He was 69 years of age.

Survivors include the widow, the daughter of the late Calvin Long, and the following children: Bower, Edward, Max and Frank Hodges, of Fresno, Mrs. Fred Wiley, of Fresno, and Mrs. Luther Woody, of Reno, N. C. A brother, J. P. Hodges, of the Globe, and a number of grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Hodges was born and reared near Hodges Gap, a son of the late Captain William Hodges. His life had been spent in agricultural pursuits, and during his long residence, both in his native community and the State of his adoption, he had been looked upon as an upstanding citizen and kind neighbor.

Civil Service Test Saturday for Route 2

A competitive Civil Service examination is to be held in the library room at the Demonstration School building next Saturday morning for the purpose of selecting a permanent carrier for R. F. D. Route No. 2 out of Boone, it is announced by B. H. Watson, who together with J. Wilson Norris, constitute the Civil Service board at Boone postoffice.

The examination is to be held at 8:30 in the morning and Mr. Watson insists that all applicants be present at the appointed hour for the scholastic tests.

Route 2 has been served for several months by Howard Gragg as temporary carrier, and he together with D. Grady Moretz and R. Clyde Wineberger have been mentioned most prominently in connection with the permanent carriership. Understanding is, however, that there are near forty who will take the examination Saturday, a few of these coming from other points where vacancies exist.

Republicans Nominate Prevette for Congress

Joseph M. Prevette, attorney of Jefferson, was nominated for Congressman of the ninth district at the Republican Congressional convention held at Taylorsville Friday afternoon on the fourth ballot.

Russell Hodges, of Boone, chairman of the Ninth Congressional District, opened the convention with an address. Grant Baughness of West Jefferson was made chairman of the convention and Mrs. Herbert Morton of Albemarle, secretary. Miss Tressie Pierce, Taylorsville attorney, made the address of welcome.

A number of local Republicans attended the convention.

CWA FORCES ARE DISBANDED HERE

The CWA program came to an end last week, and in Watauga one hundred and twelve workers received their final pay checks aggregating about fifteen hundred dollars.

Miss Fawn Watson, Relief Administrator, states that a new program of relief is expected to start next week, but the details of operation have not been received at the local office. She states, however, that understanding is that the bulk of future relief funds are to be provided in the form of relief for farm families. To this end an intensive survey is being made of the county to find out how much will be needed to take care of relief families in the matter of seed, fertilizers, etc. Miss Watson states that relief families are reacting most favorably to the new suggestion.

LIST TAKERS ARE NAMED FOR COUNTY

E. G. Greer Gives Out Names of those Who Will List Taxes in Different Townships. Work to Begin Soon. Listings as of April 1st.

Listing of property for taxation is scheduled to begin in Watauga on April 16th, says E. G. Greer, county tax supervisor, in making public the names of those who will serve as list-takers this spring. Mr. Greer states that property must be listed as of April 1st, and asks the co-operation of the citizens in making prompt listing according to law. He states that the dates for listing in the several townships will be conspicuously posted within the next day or so.

Following are the list takers for each of the thirteen townships, together with their postoffice addresses: Bald Mountain, W. S. Miller, Todd; Beaver Dam, Dudley Greene, Leander; Blowing Rock, Miss Ellen Coffey, Blowing Rock; Blue Ridge, R. F. Tate, Blowing Rock; Boone, Mrs. W. S. McBride, Boone; Cove Creek, H. E. Deal, Sherwood; Elk, H. C. Hodges, Triplett; Laurel Creek, Luther Ward, Sugar Grove; Meat Camp, Ohn G. Wineberger, Meat Camp; North Fork, Walter South, Tamarack; Shawneetown, Lloyd Welch, Matney; Stony Fork, Hag Greene, Deep Gap; Watauga, E. B. Fox, Banner Elk; R. F. D.

JUDGE FROWNS ON CHICKEN LIFTING

Three Charged with Theft of Fowls Must Serve Sentences of 20 Months on Roads, Says His Honor. Five Different Cases Involved.

Olis Dugger, Enoch Dugger and John Flannery were sentenced by Judge Suddreth in Records Court Tuesday to serve a period of twenty months on the roads, after they had been convicted of stealing chickens in Laurel Creek Township. The hen houses of Paul Norris, Thomas Arnette, Thomas Arant and D. M. Edmisten were reported to have yielded around 100 chickens to the defendants, who were tried on five different counts. Warrants were issued after a merchant in that section was awakened at an unusual hour last week by a would-be vendor of fowls, which were later identified by their owners.

Linney Wilcox, charged with violation of the prohibition laws, was placed under a four months suspended sentence, and assessed with the costs.

Sees N. C. Route in Favor for Parkway

North Carolina's committee that has been urging selection of the Crest of the Blue Ridge route for the huge scenic highway into the Smoky Mountains National Park, is confident the North Carolina route will be selected, according to press reports this week.

Resident Engineer James Council, of Boone, while admitting optimism over the prospects, refused to venture an opinion on the location of the roadway. However, he stated that the engineers who passed through some two weeks ago would return in a few days, in order to check the Blowing Rock country, which was obscured by fog on the previous tour of inspection.

The Federal Government is considering two main routes, one of which would follow the crest of the Blue Ridge mountains past Blowing Rock, the Linville Gorge country, Mount Mitchell and other famous landmarks, while the second route, known as the Tennessee course, would turn westward near Blowing Rock and go into Tennessee before entering the park. Hence, local observers are confident that Watauga will get several miles of the scenic highway, regardless of which route is adopted.

The final choice will be made by Secretary Ickes of the Interior Department.

HARTZOG HEADS ELIGIBLES FOR POSTMASTERSHIP

Contractor and Former Teacher Given First Place by Civil Service Commission. Mrs. Carrie Williams, a Long-time Bank Employee, Comes Second, while R. F. McDade, Merchant, Completes the List.

Wiley G. Hartzog, prominent contractor of this city, has been placed the head of the eligible list for a Boone postmastership as a result of the examination recently conducted by the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Postmaster A. W. Smith. This information was received from Washington the latter part of the week.

Mr. Hartzog is well known throughout this section of the State where he taught in the schools for many years, and where for a long time he has been engaged in contracting and building enterprises. He has been prominently identified in Democratic political circles over a period of many years, and is being congratulated by his friends upon the superior rating achieved in the contest.

Mrs. Carrie Coffey Williams took second place on the list of eligibles, being followed by Mr. R. F. McDade. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of the late E. S. and Mrs. Coffey, and has been an employee of the Watauga County Bank for many years. Mr. McDade is a merchant of several years standing in this city and at present is engaged with the Five to Five Stores. Many years' banking experience are included in his long business career. Both he and Mrs. Williams are staunch supporters of the Democratic party.

No information has been forthcoming as to when the new postmaster will be selected from the three eligibles, but it is presumed there will be no great delay. According to the terms of his resignation, Mr. Smith's time ended last Saturday, but he will remain in office until his successor is appointed.

Former Wataugan Dies At Coshocton, Ohio

Mr. John Watson of Coshocton, Ohio, died at his home there Tuesday morning, following a heart attack. He was 69 years of age. Funeral services will be held at Coshocton today, and interment be made there.

Surviving are the widow and the following children: Mr. W. C. Greene and Mrs. David Foster of Boone; Mr. E. A. Watson of Wytheville, Va.; Mrs. Rufus Idol and Mrs. A. C. Miller of Brownwood, N. C.; Mrs. Herbert Watson and Mrs. Boyce Hampton of Coshocton, Ohio, and Mrs. R. A. Wellborn, of Brownwood, N. C. One brother and three sisters also survive: Mr. L. A. Watson, Mrs. Lee Greene, Mrs. Tom Greer, all of Deep Gap, and Mrs. Noah Greer, of Brownwood.

Mr. Watson moved to Ohio from the Deep Gap section twelve years ago, and had since made his home there. He was a son of the late Parks Watson, was a deacon in the Baptist Church for forty years, and was known to his large circle of friends as a good citizen.

Mesdames Walter Greene, David Foster, R. L. Wellborn and A. C. Miller, daughters of the deceased, left immediately on receipt of the death message to attend the funeral services in Coshocton.

Avery County Sued by South Carolina Bank

Civil action was filed in Federal Court at Charlotte Saturday in which the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Gaffney, S. C., alleged that Avery County, North Carolina, has neglected to pay a note for \$10,000 held by the bank.

The revenue anticipation note was issued by the county for the amount named and matured August 7, 1933. It is contended the plaintiff became owner of the note for a valuable consideration prior to the maturing date, the complaint alleges, and the note has not been paid.

The plaintiff asks that the court give judgment in its favor for \$10,000 and that a mandamus be issued ordering the defendant to pay the judgment.

MOTHER OF MRS. GEO. BROWN PASSES IN WILKES COUNTY

Mrs. Charles Taylor, of Wilkes County, mother of Mrs. George Brown of East Boone, died at her home on last Saturday. She was 68 years of age. Funeral services were conducted at Dunkirk Church on Sunday afternoon, Revs. Ed Hodges and George Brown being in charge.

A large crowd attended the rites and the floral offering was profuse. Mrs. Taylor was a native of Wilkes County, and during her long lifetime had surrounded herself with a host of warm friends in this section who will hear of her passing with sorrow.